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Requisitioning of Supplies Thru Armed Services Supply Branches

In a conference with [redacted] of the Services Branch yesterday morning, it was brought to my attention that the Armed Services Supply Branches, particularly Navy, upon which CIA has requisitioned considerable supplies, are offering strenuous objections to not being able to anticipate our needs. They place their requisitions with commercial concerns on the basis of their own needs, taking into consideration certain stockpiling of supplies. In the particular case of the coaxial cable, as well as other supplies, unforeseen and urgent demands have taken away for CIA use material which the Navy, or other Supply Branches, had anticipated for their own use. STAT

Services Branch considers it highly desirable and I concur that at the earliest possible date and as far in advance as possible we should anticipate our needs and work them out with the Communications Branch and/or other appropriate branches of CIA, and that we should submit these requirements to the Services Branch on a long-range basis.

It occurs to me that it is probably too late to do anything along this line to help out the requisition for the Cyprus Project. However, we certainly can do a great deal now toward anticipating our needs for the new East Coast Station and for the station in the Far East. It is my desire that an immediate study be made of these two projects and our requirements be estimated as accurately as possible and furnished to the Services Branch at the earliest possible date. In addition to these two specific projects, requirements for regular maintenance of our already established stations should be made constantly and Services Branch immediately advised upon a new requirement coming to our attention.

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